

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 872 –SB 1394

February 17 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a local education agency (LEA) from expelling or suspending students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten (pre-K and K), except in cases where a student's behavior endangers the physical safety of other students or school personnel, as determined by the director of schools. Requires the LEA to adopt policies and procedures for addressing misbehavior of students in pre-K and K. Encourages local boards of education to include in their policies and procedures, research-based behavior management that takes positive approaches to improving student behaviors. Authorizes the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop model policies and procedures to provide guidance to LEAs in adopting such policies. Requires each LEA to inform parents of its policies and procedures concerning behavior management for students in pre-K and K at the beginning of each school year. Requires disciplinary measures for students who receive special education services pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, to be addressed in accordance with federal law and Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No change in Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- No substantive change in the number of students who are expelled annually and sent to an alternative school or referred to juvenile court.
- The SBE will develop model policies and procedures for LEA guidance in the normal course of meetings. Any fiscal impact on state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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